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For:	A GIGAMATRIX HOLDING TRAY HAVING THROUGH-HOLE WELLS	)
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Attorney Docket:	11335.2	)

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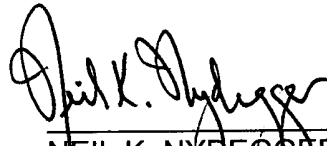
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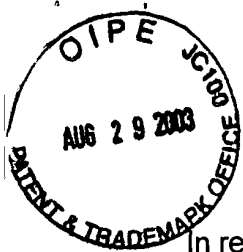
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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2.   X   FORM PTO - 1449 (Modified)
3.        Identification of Prior Application In Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and For Which No Copies are Submitted Or Need be Submitted.
4.   X   Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement.
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8.        Fee as required under 37 C.F.R §1.17(p).
9.        Petition requesting consideration of Statement and Petition Fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1).
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## **Section 1. Preliminary Statements**

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

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U.S. Patent Documents

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—	AA	3,979,621	09/07/76	Yates
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Foreign Patent Documents

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—	AD	EP1127692A2 ✓	08/29/01	Europe	English
—	AE	WO 01/38583A2 ✓	05/31/01	PCT	English
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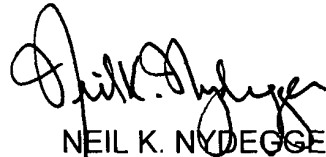
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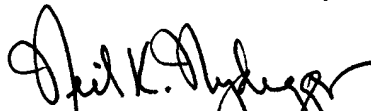
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(b)   X   the attorney who signs below on the basis of:

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